

# LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 8, 1950

	Goals									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P			
<b>First Division</b>										
Sunshine United	16	14	0	2	44	19	28			
Prahran	16	8	2	6	34	30	18			
South Yarra	16	5	6	5	33	31	16			
Sandringham City	15	6	4	5	30	32	16			
Box Hill	12	6	3	3	40	24	15			
Brighton	15	6	3	6	35	39	15			
Park Rangers	16	6	1	9	25	26	13			
Footscray City	15	5	3	7	22	33	13			
Hakoah	15	5	1	9	29	47	11			
Moreland	14	1	3	10	19	38	5			

<b>Second Division</b>										
Yallourn	16	12	1	3	79	32	25			
Western Suburbs	15	12	0	3	46	25	24			
Preston	16	11	1	4	50	23	23			
South Melbourne	15	10	0	5	56	37	20			
Juventus	15	7	3	5	34	25	17			
George Cross	15	6	0	9	14	17	12			
Melb. University	15	6	0	9	41	48	12			
Ringwood	16	5	0	11	40	51	10			
Yarraville	15	4	1	10	15	63	9			
Heidelberg	16	1	0	15	17	71	2			

<b>Third Division (North)</b>										
Fifers	16	13	2	1	78	20	28			
White Eagles	15	11	3	1	66	16	25			
Coburg	16	9	3	4	48	30	21			
Williamstown	16	8	1	7	32	38	17			
Geelong Celtic	14	7	2	5	42	31	16			
Int. Harvesters	14	6	2	6	35	29	14			
Melbourne Rangers	14	6	0	8	31	42	12			
Woodlands	16	5	1	10	42	70	11			
Royal Caledonians	14	2	0	12	33	53	4			
South Yarra	13	0	0	13	12	84	0			
International Harvesters v. White Eagles.										

<b>Third Division (South)</b>										
J.U.S.T.	13	11	2	0	62	8	24			
F.N.D.	12	9	1	2	62	16	19			
Victoria Police	13	9	0	4	44	25	18			

## JUNIOR AMATEUR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 8, 1950

<b>Under 19 "B" Section</b>										
Yallourn	12	11	1	0	43	6	23			
Preston	12	8	2	2	46	12	18			
Juventus	12	6	2	4	40	23	14			
Coburg	13	7	0	6	28	27	14			
South Melb. United	12	6	0	6	36	19	12			
Metters	12	3	2	7	22	37	8			
Moorabbin	12	3	1	8	23	43	7			
Northcote	13	1	0	12	10	81	2			

Note.—As Ringwood has withdrawn from this Section, the executive committee has ruled that all points won or lost by opposing teams against Ringwood be deleted from the records. The league Table above is revised accordingly.

<b>Under 16 Division</b>										
Northcote	16	13	2	1	37	7	28			
Brighton	16	11	2	3	34	15	24			
Sandringham City	16	11	1	4	32	24	23			
Box Hill	16	9	2	5	34	18	20			
Park Rangers	16	8	0	8	20	19	16			
Sth. Melb. United	16	7	2	7	30	31	16			
Preston	16	5	3	8	20	20	13			
Ringwood	16	4	1	11	20	38	9			

NOTE:—Ringwood has withdrawn its team from the Under 19 Division. A decision as to allotment of points won or lost by teams against Ringwood in this Division, will be decided at the next executive committee meeting.

	Goals									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P			
<b>First Division Reserves</b>										
Park Rangers	16	13	2	1	61	19	28			
Sandringham City	16	10	3	3	41	24	23			
South Yarra	16	9	2	5	41	30	20			
Brighton	15	8	2	5	43	32	18			
Prahran	16	7	3	6	34	29	17			
Sunshine United	16	4	6	6	39	39	14			
Box Hill	13	6	1	6	31	30	13			
Hakoah	15	5	3	7	26	36	13			
Moreland	15	3	1	11	33	51	7			
Footscray City	16	0	1	15	17	74	1			

<b>Second Division Reserves</b>										
Yallourn	15	13	1	1	82	9	27			
Juventus	16	12	1	3	63	30	25			
Preston	16	11	1	4	57	25	23			
South Melbourne	15	10	2	3	51	13	22			
Western Suburbs	16	9	0	7	58	43	18			
Melb. University	15	8	0	7	54	42	16			
Heidelberg	16	4	1	11	17	85	9			
George Cross	15	4	0	11	14	27	8			
Ringwood	15	2	0	13	3	57	4			
Yarraville	15	1	0	14	6	74	2			
Yallourn v. George Cross, Yarraville v. Juventus, Ringwood v. South Melbourne—Results not telephoned.										

<b>Third Division Reserves</b>										
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South Yarra	16	3	1	12	13	43	7			
Sunshine United	16	2	0	14	5	35	4			
Note.—Sunshine United awarded points against Ringwood—May 6 match.										

<b>Under 14 Division</b>										
S. Melb. United "A"	16	10	2	4	75	17	22			
Park Rangers	15	10	2	3	57	13	22			
Box Hill	15	10	1	4	41	20	21			
Sunshine United	16	12	2	2	63	13	18			
Coburg	16	9	0	7	34	31	18			
Western Suburbs	15	12	1	2	44	15	17			
Sandringham City	15	5	5	5	25	26	15			
Preston	16	6	2	8	35	47	14			
Bentleigh	16	4	1	11	32	50	9			
Brighton	16	3	2	11	20	46	8			
S. Melb. United "B"	16	3	2	11	13	39	8			
Highbury N.F.	16	0	0	16	7	129	0			

## POSTPONED GAMES

<b>Under 19 Division "A" Section—</b>										
Army Apprentices v. Brighton.										
Army Apprentices v. South Yarra.										
<b>Under 14 Division—</b>										
Box Hill v. Western Suburbs.										
Park Rangers v. Sandringham City.										



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## STATE TEAM SELECTED

### VICTORIAN TEAM

Ashworth (Prahran)				
Starkey (Park Rangers)		White (Capt.) (Sandringham)		
Dobrich (J.U.S.T.)	Scott (Brighton)		Drennan (Sunshine)	
Wilson (S'ham)	Bambro (S'ham)	Hardman (Moreland)	Thorrington (West. Subs.)	McFeeters (Box Hill)
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Ferguson (Yallourn)	Lachman (Prahran)	Stoddard (Brighton)	Evans (Sunshine)	Cox (W. Subs.)
Barr (Brighton)	Bird (Sunshine)		McCall (Preston)	
Dawson (Footscray)		Heath (Moreland)		
Weight (Park Rangers)				

### THE REST

Reserves to Victorian Team:—Weight (Park Rangers); Dawson (Footscray); Bird (Sunshine); Barr (Brighton); Evans (Sunshine).

The above teams will play tomorrow, Sunday, 16th, at 2.45 p.m. This will be the final appearance of the Victorian team in Melbourne until they play South Australia on Saturday, July 29. On July 23 both teams will travel to Yallourn where an exhibition match will be played. This will complete the training of the State side.



## Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 40 Beach Road, Hampton.



With but one more week to go to end the League competition, most soccer fans are now turning their thoughts to the Cup ties. Before the first round, however, we come to what is likely to be the limelight of the season—the interstate game against South Australia, which will take place at Olympic Park on Saturday, July 29. The South Australians, who are even further from the headquarters of Australian soccer—Sydney—than ourselves, were not sufficiently fortunate to get even one representative in the Australian side in South Africa, so they will be at full strength in Victoria. At the time of writing I am waiting for a comprehensive report from South Australia on the set-up over there. Should this arrive in time we will include it in a special article this week or next week. Sufficient is known of the position in Adelaide to state that the South Australians themselves are well pleased with the progress of the game since the war, and they will come here in a spirit of confidence. In club football S.A. is on a par with most of our own clubs, but whether they have such a galaxy of stars as Victoria remains to be seen.

Certain it is, however, that although we can approach the game confidently after Victoria's fine showing last year against the Yugoslavs, we must in no circumstances regard this game as a "push-over." The results of such an attitude have been seen only too often.

It is hoped that all attendance records will be broken at Olympic Park on the 29th. This can easily be done as club games will be suspended for the day and all club supporters are urged to support the State team on that date.

Having been in hospital during the greater part of this season, with another operation coming two days after writing these lines, I have begun to get something of a "grizzle" up. My troubles seem rather trifling, however, when considered alongside those of that well-known member of the University side—Rex Benson. Rex came into Heidelberg two weeks ago and looked me up right away. He was a pilot in the R.A.F. during the war and as the result of a crack-up, injured his spine. Lately he has played a few games of football and not feeling too well had his back re-examined. After X-ray he came to see me again two days ago to say cheerio. He has now gone to bed in a plaster cast for a period up to two years.

So Rex won't see much soccer for a while, but I hope soccer won't forget Rex and that those who know him well will not forget to look him up and keep him posted on the game. "Soccer News" wishes him all the best and we hope he will be back with us sooner than he expects.

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V. J. M. DIXON

"Soccer News" committee feel it is appropriate at this stage to print a photo. of our Editor, Mr. V. J. M. ("Dick") Dixon.

As is widely known throughout the soccer world, "Dick" has been editing this paper from Heidelberg Hospital under great difficulty and has still managed to maintain it at a high standard.

He has been keeping in touch with the game through the visits of many officials and players, who usually spend the whole of their visiting time talking about current events in Victorian soccer, and replaying many of the games for him.

"Dick" has now undergone his second operation, and is very hopeful of returning to the scene of the playing arena within the next few weeks when, we are sure, he will be given a warm welcome back.

— "Soccer News" Committee.

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## SECRETARY'S NOTES

### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INTERSTATE TEAM

Information has been received from the secretary of the V.A.S.F.A. that the South Australian team to play Victoria in the interstate match at Olympic Park on July 29 will be arriving in Melbourne on Friday, July 28, and will be leaving by plane on Monday, 31st.

The officials accompanying the team are Mr. Bob Telfer, as Manager; Mr. F. S. Draper, as Assistant-Manager, and Mr. H. March, as selector.

The South Australian team will comprise the following players:—Goal-keeper—H. Sloma. Full-backs—G. D. Combe, H. Johnson, W. Thompson. Half-backs—R. Mills (captain), K. Heffernan, Z. Kracmerh. Forwards—W. H. Grace, R. Morris, D. Zimic, T. Macilwain, W. Elgood, T. Cranswick, R. Bracegirdle.

Accompanying the party will be Mr. and Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Thomas. Mr. Hunter, a well-known figure in Australian soccer circles, is a life member and executive of the Soccer Council.

### SUNDAY INTERNATIONAL GAMES — TROPHY WANTED

May I appeal through "Soccer News" for a donor of a trophy for the winner of the international Sunday games?

I am sure that amongst our many wealthy supporters there is one that can help us to make a success of our local "World Cup" competition.

We start this year with eight countries. Next year, who knows, it may be sixteen.

I am pleased to report that the interest in this competition is very high and I am looking forward to some good, keen and exciting soccer. If possible I would very much wish to see the trophy (if any) presented at a social function on a Sunday evening. I am sure Mr. Fontaner or Peter can help me in this.

I wish to take this opportunity to say thanks to all the good people who have volunteered in the organising of these games.

Will all Dutch soccer players contact Mr. G. T. Govaars, 2 Cadle Street, Dandenong, stating positions of play. They will play for Holland v. Yugoslavia in the Sunday international games on Sunday, August 6, at Olympic Park.

It is possible that the Council will hand over to the Junior Association the following dates for these games:—

August 6.—Holland v. Yugoslavia; Israel v. Italy.

August 20.—Charlestown (N.S.W.) v. Select. (Under 21).

September 3.—Semi-finals Internationals.

September 17.—Final Internationals.

August 13. (Park Rangers' Ground, Middle Park).—Australia v. Greece; Great Britain v. Malta.

All players in first game must report for play not later than 1.30 p.m.

JOCK PARKER.

### AUSTRALIA'S GREAT TEST VICTORY

Australia confounded the critics with a great 2-1 victory over South Africa in the third Test. They thus keep alive the hopes of saving the rubber, and there will be a great deal of interest centred in the fourth Test.

Unfortunately, at the time of going to press, a full report of the game is not to hand, but judging from the wireless commentary Australia deserved the victory. The defence in particular was in grand form and Tom Jack was constantly cutting out dangerous centres with good headwork.

Parsons, of N.S.W., playing his first Test game, justified his selection by scoring both goals, while Nunn was again a great source of anxiety to the Springboks' defence. A repetition of this form in the fourth Test and the South Africans will have to fight all the way.

### MORELAND S.C.

Mr. R. Parkhoun having resigned, the new secretary is Mr. J. Stewart, 18 Mendip Road, East Preston, to whom all correspondence should be addressed.

## "SOCCER NEWS" FREE COMPETITION

### "Jackpot" £8

#### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

A cash prize of £1 will be awarded for a correct forecast of the 10 games. Should more than one correct result be received, the prize will be equally divided among the successful entrants. Should no one succeed in forecasting the correct results, the prize of £1 will be "jack-potted" to the next week's contest. Each entry must be submitted, in ink, on a correct "Soccer News" Coupon.

POST your Entry to COMPETITION EDITOR, "SOCCER NEWS", 5 GREENWOOD STREET, PASCOE VALE, W.7., endorsing your name and address on the back of the envelope in BLOCK LETTERS, so as to reach there not later than first post, THURSDAY, July 20, 1950. Coupons must not be altered, mutilated or defaced.

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Members of "Soccer News" and V.A.S.F.A. Officials are not eligible.

#### CONTEST No. 7

No competitor succeeded in correctly forecasting the results of games listed in Coupon No. 7.

#### CONTEST No. 8

Prize money for this Contest will be worth £8.

#### KEEP THIS COUPON TO CHECK RESULTS

First Division	Second Division
Footscray v. Sunshine	Yallourn v. Preston
Brighton v. Park Rangers	Third Division (South)
Box Hill v. South Yarra	Victoria Police v. J.U.S.T
Moreland v. Hakoah	Third Division (North)
Sandringham v. Prahran	Coburg v. White Eagles
	First Division Reserves
	Park Rangers v. Brighton
	Second Division Reserves
	Juventus v. University

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#### MATCHES PLAYED JULY 22.

#### SOCCER NEWS COUPON No. 8

Home	Away
First Division	
Footscray v. Sunshine	
Brighton v. Park Rangers	
Box Hill v. South Yarra	
Moreland v. Hakoah	
Sandringham v. Prahran	
Second Division	
Yallourn v. Preston	
Third Division (South)	
Victoria Police v. J.U.S.T	
Third Division (North)	
Coburg v. White Eagles	
First Division Reserves	
Park Rangers v. Brighton	
Second Division Reserves	
Juventus v. University	

To mark Coupon, place Fig. 1 in column provided to denote home team WIN, Fig. 2 to denote AWAY team WIN, Letter X to denote a DRAWN game.

I have read and agree to "Soccer News" Conditions of Entry, and accept their decision as final in all matters pertaining to same.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write in Block Letters)



## NOTICES

Victorian State team will play The Rest at Olympic Park tomorrow (Sunday, July 16), at 2 45 p.m.

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## 1950 BALL COMMITTEE MEETING

All clubs are asked to send delegates (both male and female) to a meeting convened by the council to set up a committee to organise the first annual ball of the Association. This ball which is to be held in the St. Kilda Town Hall on November 23, can by its success be a magnificent means of giving soccer a great boost in Melbourne. The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20, at 8 p.m. at the Olympic Club rooms, 2nd Floor, 243 Bourke Street, Melbourne (next door to Tivoli Theatre). Peter Polites, chairman.

## SHARPSHOOTER IN ACTION



—"Argus" photo.

GEORGE THORRRINGTON, who specialises in hitting the back of the net for Western Suburbs, is pictured displaying perfect balance and ball control prior to shooting for goal. Western Suburbs are featured in this week's edition of "Know Your Clubs."

## KNOW YOUR CLUBS—16

## WESTERN SUBURBS

Western Suburbs Soccer Club is a product of post-war football. At the beginning of 1946 a band of soccer enthusiasts got together and formed a club, with the object of fostering soccer in the Sunshine and surrounding districts. Headed by J. R. ("Fatty") Davies as chairman, T. Higgins as secretary, and a band of willing helpers in R. Waite, H. Taylor, C. Taylor, and A. Noble, the club took shape. Gradually it grew from one team in 1946 to four teams in 1949.

The club has only three teams this year, due to the fact that most of the Under 19 Juniors have attained Senior status, and they form the backbone of the teams.

Players who have risen from the Junior grades to the Seniors include Denison, Tanis, Tribe, McGrath, Davies, Mann, Hayden and Stevens. Players of note who have joined us in the last two seasons are Fred Cox, of Coventry City, G. Thorrrington, of Northampton Town B. Johansen from Sweden, and J. Klimcsok from Hungary. New arrivals from overseas who have played in Junior grade football in the "Old Dart" include Emblin, Whitman, Branagh, Cairns, Greene, Lamb, Rowlands.

No great success has yet been the lot of the Western Suburbs, but the players are proud that in the last four years they have reached the semi-final of the Dockerty Cup three times. This in itself is a great effort for a new club.

The Schoolboys are the only representatives we have in the Junior Association, and their record this season is one to be proud of.

There are no outstanding players in the team, but their strength is in their combined and systematic play.

## Save our Native Fauna No. 5



Two mammals alone in the world lay eggs, thus providing the scientist's "missing link" with the lower animals. Both are Australian: the Platypus is one, and the other is the Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*) which wanders in the open forest in search of ants and termites. It is protected by a coat of prickles superficially like those of the Porcupine to which, however, it is not related. A full grown specimen may weigh four or five pounds; but its mouth is less than half an inch wide, and toothless. It has to catch insects almost constantly with its long sticky tongue to survive. It has stout claws for breaking open ant nests.

(Advertisement of Carlton & United Breweries Ltd., Makers of Victoria Bitter, a healthful beverage).



## Pertinent Pars.

By P. SEARLE

### AMONG THE INJURED

Injured in the Hakoah game on June 10 when he broke several blood vessels in the leg, Bobbie Clayton, Sunshine right-back, is still in hospital at Flinders Naval Base. Bobbie will be happier now that premiership's won.

### GRAND WORKER

Not content with successfully concluding an effort to outfit the Victorian Schoolboy Carnival team, "Teddie" Lowe is now on the job with a similar effort for the Under 19 trip to Adelaide.

### MISSFIRED

With their popular vice-president having his birthday last Saturday, a certain club decided to celebrate with a win and a "little do." Calamitous loss resulted in no win and no celebration! Bad luck, "Pop."

### ELATED

It was a happy gang in the Hakoah dressing-room after the game last week. A celebration that followed the same night was sponsored by an appreciative committee.

### AMAZING

Phenomenal crop of injuries suffered this season by nearly every club certainly has one guessing why. Many of them are serious, too, and not the usual bruises or knocks which need just a week's rest. Can our readers proffer a reason, for old-timers connected with the game never experienced anything like it!

### PREVIEW

During the interval at the State soccer trial last Sunday spectators were given a 15-minute exhibition of soccer by the Victorian team shortly to go to Sydney for the schoolboy carnival. The collection in aid of the Schoolboy Fund amounted to £12.

### A NOBEL PERFORMANCE

An object lesson in fitness, despite his nearing the "veteran" stage, Johnnie Campbell has shown excellent form for Sunshine in his last two games. Johnnie holds three Dockerty Cup medals, won with the famous Nobels combination, and shone with the old Caledonian team of years ago.

### "SOCCER NEWS" ON THE BLACK MARKET

Out Western Suburbs way they're laughing about the regular supporter who, much to his dismay, found out that all the "Soccer News" were sold out. When he inquired from the boy was it possible to obtain a copy, the reply came back, "Yes, but it'll cost 9d." He paid up with a smile and duly got his copy very quickly!

### VERSATILE

Not content with his usual afternoon of soccer, "Izzy" Peters, Hakoah right-half, regularly plays Aussie Rules for a Fitzroy hotel in a Sunday Competition! Is he any good?

### INTERSTATE MATCH

### VICTORIA

versus

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

OLYMPIC PARK — SATURDAY, JULY 29

## CLUB JOTTINGS

### SOUTH YARRA

At Olympic Park against Sandringham, South Yarra quickly went to the front. After repeatedly raiding the "Hams" goal it was awarded a penalty which Payne converted. Yarra was not making mistakes about where the goal lay and was shooting at every opportunity. Lott, receiving the ball from Sharman, showed clever ball control and great coolness when he calmly hooked the ball over the back's head and then beat Mackie with a similar hook, thus putting the Yarra two goals in the lead. Sandringham then attacked and clever play by the "Hams" resulted in Walton beating Reynolds with a splendid shot. The game was played at a fast pace considering the greasy nature of the field.

A few minutes afterwards Orr drove in a hot shot, but Mackie made a magnificent save, turning the ball for a corner. Yarra was gradually getting the upper hand and the defence was blocking every move Sandringham made. Half-time: Sandringham, 1; South Yarra, 2.

The second half was all in Yarra's favor. They swept the "Hams" off their feet with swift attacks and sound defence. Yarra side never let up. South Yarra's centre-forward, Lott, was making the most of every opportunity. He notched another goal with a brilliant left-foot shot and gave Mackie no chance. Shortly afterwards Sharman made a quick run through and put Yarra further ahead with a powerful left-foot drive. Lott scored his third goal when he fastened on to a clever pass from Payne placed well between the backs. Mackie, the "Hams" goalie, was hurt when Yarra swept up the field again and had to be carried off the ground. From the resulting corner kick Bolton placed the ball accurately for Payne to head the ball into the net. The clean game was a credit to both sides, particularly the losers. Final scores: Sandringham, 1; South Yarra, 6.

The dance held by South Yarra at St. Martin's Hall on Saturday, July 8, was a success and well attended, particularly by the lads and lassies from the land of Robbie Burns. Do not forget to watch "Soccer News" for the date of the Yarra's next dance.

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## SANDRINGHAM CITY

We bow our heads in shame after what we hope was a game that the team could never repeat. The whole eleven players could not have played worse if they had tried. At the same time we congratulate South Yarra, who certainly dug in the fangs to the tune of 6 goals to 1.

Our Reserve team was also toppled by Yarra Reserves after a hard tussle. Hickey, the centre-forward, was taken to the hospital with a split head and was in a bad way.

The only bright spot in the whole club was the Under 16 team who won very easily after a solid game. The boys are coached by Les Bingham and are having a remarkable finish in their League fixtures. They began the season very badly but have picked up and won their last eight games, which places them right among the leaders although a little too late to win their section. If these boys play football as they are doing at present, Sandringham City looks like having a young first team in the near future. The team is led by John Haycroft (centre-half), whose play closely resembles that of Ralph White. If Don Hodgeson develops as his coach expects he will be ready for the First team at 18 years of age.

The defence, Ron Edein, John Suppie, Jock Flillherny, Frank Cullel, Frank Perry and Geoff Dobbs are all constructive boys and the attack with Reg O'Loughlin, Brian Mather, Barry Fossey, Billy Bould, Bob Cleworth and John Young is getting a bag of goals. Watch these boys, Sandringham. They are going places. Good work, boys!

## BENTLEIGH

By beating Box Hill last Saturday Bentleigh take little credit. Indeed, we would like to congratulate Box Hill on the fine sportsmanship shown by playing with so short a number. It was a great gesture. They were a great bunch of fellows. Thank you, boys. We also know what it is like to turn up short. May we also thank the referee who has acted for us several times. We have found him very fair. Thank you, sir.

Now that we are approaching the end of the season, it would be well to take stock of the affairs of the club. I take this opportunity of thanking the ladies, especially Mrs. Duckworth, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Birch, who have done so much to help the club along. Some of the members could well take a lesson from the ladies. It is always hard to start a new club, but those members who don't turn up too often make it harder. We have a great bunch of chaps who play for us, and they have stuck it out well. With a little more luck we should have been higher up on the table.

## PRESTON

Western Suburbs won by the only goal and fully deserved the win. Preston had rather more of the game and was quicker on the ball, but Suburbs was far more dangerous in front of goal. In the first half Suburbs netted, but was ruled off-side. Shortly afterwards, Joe Cromptvoetts headed in a beauty for Preston, but for reasons best known to the referee, the goal was disallowed.

The game swung rapidly from end to end. At times, Suburbs seemed certain to score, but failed to find a spot where Bain wasn't. At others Preston appeared likely to draw first blood. Bracewell and Cromptvoetts asserted a mastery on the right wing that they never relinquished. In marked contrast, the left wing found fewer openings than usual.

Shortly after the interval, Dennison ended a brilliant solo run with a goal. Shaken by this goal, Preston moved up to attack, and held the initiative for the rest of the game. Playing beautifully controlled football, Preston might have been staging an exhibition. Suburbs' defenders, though hard pressed, kept their goal intact, many times kicking out from right under the bar.

Suburbs owed their victory to Dennison and to their splendid defence. Preston owed their defeat to lack of first-time shooting for goal.

## JUVENTUS

Juventus Seniors defeated Yarraville 1-0.

Juventus Juniors defeated Moorabbin 7-0.

The game between Juventus and Yarraville was a fast, open match, full of thrills that kept the large crowd on their toes from start to finish. The refereeing in particular was excellent. The arbiter was up with the game all the time and never missed an infringement. The Yarraville defence was outstanding in repulsing most of the home side's attacks. Kovacevich, Juventus' centre-forward, scored the winning goal in the first half. Martini, outside-left, made a nice pass which the centre-forward drove in from an angle to beat the goalie completely.

Juventus Juniors had a very easy win against Moorabbin, who played only eight men. The match was unsatisfactory inasmuch as it was one-sided and never looked like developing into a good game even though Moorabbin fought it out to the bitter end.

## BOX HILL

Box Hill met Footscray City at Surrey Park on Saturday, July 8, this being their first game at home for seven weeks. Although the Hillmen had an outside chance of winning the premiership and the visitors in the relegation zone, the play did not bear out the difference in the respective positions in the League table. Footscray has always played well at Surrey Park and this game was no exception. They matched the home team in defence and their forwards combined much better.

After a period of even play, dominated by the defence of each team, Footscray opened the scoring with a goal from its outside left. Box Hill commenced the second half determined to retrieve the position and after a shot by McDonald rebounded from the upright J. Nicholson equalized for the Hillmen. However, Footscray needed a win to help them in their fight to remain in the First Division. They played with determination and eventually scored the winning goal, the outside-left again being the marksman.

On their form against Box Hill the Footscray side will keep most teams at their top in the Dockerty Cup. The Box Hill forwards played too much as individuals and the team-work expected of a First Division side was not in evidence. Result: Footscray, 2 goals; Box Hill, 1.

Prior to the Senior game the Under 19 team played Sunshine in a Cup tie game and won handsomely by 5 goals to 0. The recent improvement in the standard of team-work was maintained and the Hillmen's Junior side is now a force to be reckoned with in the Junior Cup. Best players: Whiting, Otto, Gauci, Jarvis, Clarke and Hammer.

Other results: Reserves—Box Hill, 3; Footscray 1. Under 16—Box Hill, 2; Preston, 1. Under 14—Box Hill, 6; Sandringham, 3.

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## PARK RANGERS

Prahran v. Park Rangers.—Although the home team won this game at Como Park by 1 goal to nil it owed its goal to a mix-up on the part of the visitors' defence. Each goal survived sustained attacks as the opposing forwards gained the upper hand, but good work by Ashworth and Weight, the respective goal-keepers, helped by bad shooting on the part of the forwards, prevented further score.

For Prahran, Tait at right-back, was the best man on the field, while centre-half McDonald kept a tight hold on Rangers' centre-forward, Mulcahy. Of the forwards, Taylor was always dangerous and often set his other forwards on the attack.

The Rangers played more as a team than they have done in previous weeks. There was little between the backs, Mackie and Starkey, the latter showing a rare turn of speed. It would be invidious to say that any of the half-back was superior to his mates as all three had their "moments." Of the forwards, the left wing was the more dangerous.

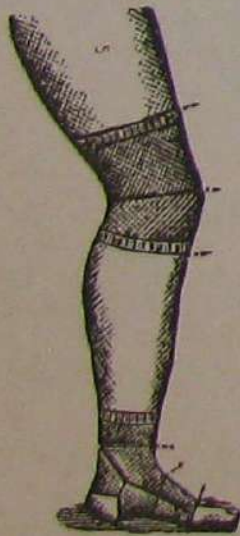
The Under 14 team are hopeful that it will finish the season at the head of the table. The team is level on points with South Melbourne "A" but has a game in hand. How is it that this team has no representative in the interstate team while another team so much lower in the list has four players?

**Social Note.**—Rangers' supporters should gather at Christ Church Hall, Acland Street, St. Kilda, on Saturday, July 22, for the annual Fancy Dress Dance. A good time is assured, with valuable prizes and music by Rampling's Band. The Ladies' Social Committee has earned the thanks of the club for valuable service over several years.

## SOUTH MELBOURNE RESERVES v. RINGWOOD RESERVES

A keen game was witnessed at Ringwood between South Melbourne Reserves and Ringwood Reserves. The home side was the first to press hard, netted the ball after 35 minutes' play and held the lead at half-time, 1-0.

The second half was much faster than the first. South Melbourne played a fine low-passing game and was soon on equal terms with Ringwood, two goals coming in quick succession from perfect passes from the right-wing when Rigby and Key made no mistake. Ringwood broke through and equalized but South Melbourne again proved their superiority by adding two more goals through the same two forwards, Key and Rigby. In all, the South Melbourne boys played together as a team and a good clean game resulted. Final scores were: South Melbourne Reserves, 4; Ringwood, 2.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.



Sir,—With the League competition drawing to a close, and already won, we have the Cup as our next interest before the curtain comes down on soccer for the season.

Might I suggest drastic action by our "powers that be" to stop the rough play that is so evident in our soccer of today. The player who uses his elbows to gain advantage over an opponent is the greatest offender. It would be of interest to know how many have been put out of the game this year by broken or cracked ribs. I know of four in one team alone. Another offender is the player who gets in front of his man when a free kick is given, and starts back-heeling his opponent. Where is all this getting us to? That these incidents do happen, with amazing decisions, is a disgrace to the game. The sooner we stop blaming migrant teams, and begin cleaning up our own first, the sooner soccer will progress. Broken ribs, broken jaws, etc., have put many fine players out of the game this season. Wake up, you powers that be, and do your duty to soccer.—

Yours, etc., WM. S. McLENNAN.

## "NOW OR NEVER"

Sir,—I was very interested to read "We Need Publicity" in "Soccer News" some weeks ago. I would like to say that I agree entirely with the writer. It has taken us many years to achieve anything of mention in the Melbourne dailies. But may I be permitted to ask what is wrong with Radio? There are various sessions on the air, and I am completely at a loss to understand why soccer does not take part in some of them. In my opinion the time is long overdue when our players deserve to share in the many "hand-outs" that Australian Rules have been receiving for years. Could not a couple of nights be allotted to us during the season, say, in Sports Parade? I mention this show because it has done so much to put struggling clubs on their feet, besides being the means of giving to players and supporters a much better understanding with each other. What better publicity could any code desire? It does seem that we are lagging behind and it is up to the Association to find the cause and remedy. Allow me to ask, Have we made contact with the directors of Kia-Ora Products and Clemenger Productions or am I to believe that we have been debarred from taking part in this show? If so, then the sooner such a shocking injustice to one section is righted the better. We have a lot more followers than some people would have us believe, and there is such a thing as public demand for a fair deal. I contend it is now or never. If we are going to gain our objective we must have a drive and force the issue. Surely we have in our midst some prominent business man who would be prepared to sponsor a session on our behalf. So go to it, "ye powers that be," place this real game of football on the map, and good luck go with you.—Yours, etc., ERNEST J. M. JOHNSTON, a Preston Supporter.

[We agree with the suggestions expressed in this letter, and, no doubt, the Propaganda and Publicity Committee will be working on this angle.—Editor.]



## JUNIOR SECTION

### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN VISIT

The Victorian Under 19 Junior State team will visit Adelaide from Monday, August 21 to Monday, August 28, inclusive.

### PROGRAMME AT SYDNEY FOR SCHOOLBOYS

Monday, July 24.—Victorians arrive in Sydney and continue on to Newcastle.  
Thursday, July 27.—Victorians return to Sydney.  
Friday, July 28.—Official Welcome.  
Saturday, July 29.—Victoria v. Queensland.  
Monday, July 31.—Visit to Taronga Park.  
Tuesday, August 1.—Victoria v. Sydney.  
Wednesday, August 2.—Visit to National Park.  
Thursday, August 3.—Victoria v. New South Wales.  
Friday, August 4.—Victorians visit Wollongong.  
Tuesday, August 8.—Victorians return to Sydney and thence Melbourne.

### INTERSTATE SCHOOLBOYS STAGE EXHIBITION

Soccer patrons at Olympic Park last Sunday afternoon were impressed with the performance of the State schoolboy team to visit Sydney on Sunday, July 23. At the half-time interval of the Senior trial match, the State schoolboys played a 15-minute exhibition game. These boys have played South Melbourne United and Park Rangers Under 14 teams, the two leaders of the Schoolboy Division, and have defeated both these teams, 7-0 and 8-0 respectively.

### JUNIOR TOUR FUND

Mr. Ted Low, secretary of the Referees' Association, has raised the sum of £17 towards purchasing a new interstate strip for the Victorian schoolboy team. Mr. Low is now concentrating on funds towards a strip for the Under 19 team going to Adelaide in August.

Donations received towards the Interstate Tour Fund during last week are:—£5/5/- from Mr. J. O. Wilshaw, £2/2/- from Preston Club, £1 from Mr. McCarthy, of Coburg Club, 10/- from Mr. Macdonald. Collection proceeds at Olympic Park last Sunday was £9/5/9. Collection proceeds at Yarra Park match (Olympic v. George Cross) played last Sunday totalled £2/3/6.

### CURTAIN RAISER TO STATE GAME

The following players are requested to be in attendance at Olympic Park on Sunday, July 16, at 12.30 p.m. to take part in trials for the above. All players will be given a trial, during the afternoon. This game will be a curtain raiser to the State v. The Rest game:—

W. Gravell (University)		A. Harradin (Sunshine)	
N. Good (Brighton)	L. Bird (Sunshine)	A. Drennen (Sunshine)	
D. Miller (South Yarra)	A. Deacon (University)	Stiles (Sth. Melb.)	R. Sharman (South Yarra)
R. Grix (Moreland)	M. James (Sth. Melb.)		
McKenzie (Brighton)	K. Murray (Sth. Melb.)	V. Brooker (Sth. Melb.)	S. Gillies (Park Rangers)
W. Tester (Box Hill)	W. Guy (Park Rangers)	J. Nicholson (Box Hill)	
J. Holborn (Box Hill)		Patterson (Park Rangers)	
		S. Cozmack (Prahran)	
	Roberts (Sunshine)		

Reserves:—A. Foxcroft (University); W. Kyle (Sunshine); K. Watson (South Melbourne); A. Scott (Brighton); Nelson (Park Rangers); J. Gleeve (South Melbourne); L. Hutchinson (Box Hill); Batley (South Melbourne) and Kelly (Metters).

Any of the above players who are selected to play in the State game will be replaced by reserves, and the Australian selectors will note their performances in the State game.

## JUNIOR ASSOCIATION CUP AND SHIELD DRAWS

### "A" SECTION CUP

#### First Round—July 8—

- Game 1. Sandringham City v. South Yarra.
- Game 2. Brighton v. Park Rangers.
- Game 3. Army Apprentices v. Hakoah.
- Game 4. Box Hill v. Sunshine United.

#### Semi-Finals—July 15.

- Winner of game 4 v. winner of game 2.
- Winner of game 1 v. winner of game 3.

### JUNIOR CUP (Under 19 Division).

#### First Round—August 5—

- Game 1. Brighton v. Juventus.

#### Second Round—

- Game 2. Coburg v. Metters, August 5.
- Game 3. Hakoah v. Box Hill, August 5.
- Game 4. Ringwood v. South Melbourne United, August 5.
- Game 5. Yallourn v. Sandringham City, August 5.
- Game 6. Preston v. Park Rangers, August 5.
- Game 7. South Yarra v. Winners of Game 1, August 12.
- Game 8. Northcote v. Sunshine United, August 5.
- Game 9. Moorabbin v. Army Apprentices, August 5.

#### Third Round—

- Winner of game 3 v. winner of game 8.
- Winner of game 2 v. winner of game 7.
- Winner of game 5 v. winner of game 6.
- Winner of game 9 v. winner of game 4.

All games on grounds of first-named club, including semi-finals. Finals only on neutral grounds.

### MILLER CUP (Under 16 Division)).

#### First Round—August 5—

- Game 1. Sandringham City v. Preston.
- Game 2. Park Rangers v. South Yarra.
- Game 3. Northcote v. South Melbourne United.

#### Second Round—August 12—

- Winner of game 1 v. Ringwood.
- Winner of game 2 v. Sunshine United.
- Box Hill v. Brighton.
- Bentleigh v. winner of game 3.

### DUNKLING SHIELD (Under 15 Schoolboys).

#### First Round—July 29—

- Game 1. Western Suburbs v. South Melbourne United.
- Game 2. Sunshine United v. Park Rangers.
- Game 3. Melbourne High School v. Coburg.
- Game 4. Box Hill v. Brighton.

#### Second Round—August 5—

- Winner of game 2 v. Preston.
- Winner of game 3 v. Oakleigh Technical School.
- Winner of game 4 v. winner of game 1.
- Highett N.F. v. Sandringham City.

### J. J. LISTON CUP (Under 14)

#### First Round—August 26—

- Game 1. Coburg v. Park Rangers.
- Game 2. South Melbourne "A" v. Highett N.F.
- Game 3. Sandringham City v. Brighton.
- Game 4. Western Suburbs v. Bentleigh.

#### Second Round—September 2—

- Winner of game 1 v. South Melbourne "B."
- Preston v. Sunshine United.
- Winner of game 4 v. winner of game 3.
- Winner of game 2 v. Box Hill.